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In re Application of :
Mark J. O'Connor, et al. :
Application No. 09/701,080 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: February 27, 2001 :
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This is a decision on the Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment, received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on January 12, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application was held abandoned for failure to timely file formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability, mailed July 31, 2003.

The Office acknowledges receipt of Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal, Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.312 with specifications, letter Submission Of Formal Drawings with fifteen (15) sheets of formal drawings on October 31, 2003, as evidenced by the “Office Date” stamp receipt thereon.

In view of the foregoing, the holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn.

The afore-mentioned items were captured electronically (scanned) into the Image File Wrapper (IFW) system. However, the Amendment and Formal Drawings were not reviewed by the appropriate office—Technology Center (TC) 1600—to determine if they were accepted. A message will be forwarded to the Examiner, A. Salimi, Art Unit 1648, TC 1600 regarding the processing of the Amendment and Formal Drawings.

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